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TO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA PRIORITY

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SUBJEC: DETENTION OF YWCA LEADERS: CONGRESSIONAL

1. OFFICE OF SENATOR BYRD HAS INQUIRED ABOUT  
DETENTION OF THREE YWCA LEADERS, JOYCE SEROKE,  
JANE PHAKATHI AND VESTA SMITH.
2. DEPARTMENT HAS RECORDS OF DETENTION OF PHAKATHI  
AND SMITH BUT HAS NO RECORD OF SEROKE, WHO IS DESCRIBED  
AS MEMBER OF WORLD YWCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. WOULD  
APPRECIATE KNOWING INFORMATION EMBASSY HAS ON WHETHER  
SEROKE IS IN DETENTION AND ANY CURRENT INFORMATION  
WHICH MIGHT BE AVAILABLE ON PROSPECTS FOR RELEASE OF  
ALL THREE.

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